

NON-SLIP PADS FOR ANIMAL PAWS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Cross-References to Related Applications

This is a utility patent application taking priority from provisional application no. 60/495,420 filed on August 15, 2003.

2. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to animals and more specially to non-slip pads for animal paws, which enable the legs of an animal to have traction on slippery surfaces.

3. Discussion of the Prior Art

It appears that the prior art does not disclose applying an object to a paw to provide traction to the legs of an animal on a slippery surface. Further, the paws of an animal should be protected from salt and ice in the winter. Boots may be placed over a bottom of each leg of an animal. However, many animals do not like wearing boots for an extended period of time.

Accordingly, there is a clearly felt need in the art for non-slip pads for animal paws, which are attached to the paws of the animal to provide traction on slippery surfaces, protects the paws from damaging substances, helps animals with physical disabilities and the animal does not mind wearing all the time.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides non-slip pads for animal paws that provide the animal with traction on slippery surfaces. The non-slip pads for animal paws (non-slip pads) include a pad with a non-slip surface on one side and a pressure sensitive adhesive on

the other side. The pad is fabricated from a material with superior grip characteristics, such as neoprene. The non-slip surface is also preferably textured to increase grip. The pressure sensitive adhesive is preferably a medical adhesive suitable for contact with a paw of an animal. A peel-off label is preferably attached to the adhesive to prevent thereof from prematurely bonding to another surface. In use, the animal's paw is first cleaned and dried. The peel-off label is removed from the pad and the adhesive side is applied to the cleaned and dried paw.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide non-slip pads, which may be attached to paws to provide traction to the legs of an animal on slippery surfaces.

It is another object of the present invention to provide non-slip pads, which protect the paws of animal from damaging substances.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide non-slip pads, which helps animals with hip, back or leg disabilities get grip, when rising or walking.

Finally, it is another object of the present invention to provide non-slip pads, which an animal does not mind wearing all the time.

These and additional objects, advantages, features and benefits of the present invention will become apparent from the following specification.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a non-slip pad in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is an end view of a non-slip pad in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 3 is a front perspective view of two non-slip pads attached to the paws of an animal in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 4 is a side perspective view of two non-slip pads attached to the paws of an animal in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

With reference now to the drawings, and particularly to figure 1, there is shown a perspective view of a non-slip pad 1. With reference to figure 2, the non-slip pad 1 includes a pad 10 with a non-slip surface 12 on one side and a pressure sensitive adhesive 14 applied to the other side thereof. The pad 10 is fabricated from a material with superior grip characteristics, such as neoprene. The non-slip surface 12 is preferably textured 20 to increase grip. The figures disclose the pad 10 as having a substantially rectangular shape. However, the shape of the pad should not be limited to that shown, but should include any appropriate shape, such as round.

The pressure sensitive adhesive 14 is preferably a medical adhesive suitable for contact with an animal 100. A peel-off label 22 is preferably attached to the adhesive 14 to prevent thereof

from prematurely bonding to another surface. However, other suitable items may be used instead of the peel-off label 22.

In use, the paws of an animal 100 are first cleaned, then dried. The peel-off label 22 is removed from the pad 10 and the adhesive side of the pad 10 is firmly applied to the paw.

While particular embodiments of the invention have been shown and described, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that changes and modifications may be made without departing from the invention in its broader aspects, and therefore, the aim in the appended claims is to cover all such changes and modifications as fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.